

# NEWSLETTER

## Parish of Aughaninshin Church of the Irish Martyrs



### THE DEEP END ARE YOU FULFILLING SCRIPTURE?

The prologue to the Gospel of Luke is almost like the opening credits of a major blockbuster movie, there's something exciting about it. We don't really know who Theophilus was, possibly a patron of Luke's, but his name also means 'Lover of God' and in that sense this Gospel is addressed to all 'lovers of God'.

In the synagogue, Jesus is handed the scroll from Isaiah. It is one of the most powerful passages in the New Testament as Jesus sets out his mission, his manifesto. The uncomfortable truths contained within the passage cause the crowd to reject him. We know that in our world today good news has still to reach the afflicted, captives still await liberation, the oppressed are not free. So this is not a passage read in the past, it is very much alive, very much a vision for all to have and to work towards. Just as the scriptures are fulfilled in Jesus, they are also fulfilled in each of our lives. There are many causes we can be involved in, refugees, climate justice, homelessness, neighbourliness, community involvement. Wherever we are, in our own small ways, we can strive to make this dream a reality.

*'Lord of the universe, look in love upon your people. Pour the healing oil of your compassion on a world that is wounded and dying. Send us out in search of the lost, to comfort the afflicted, to bind up the broken, and to free those trapped under the rubble of their fallen dream.'*

Sheila Cassidy

Jane Mellett

### Times of Masses & Services

#### Mass Times

##### Sunday Masses

Saturday Evening	6.30pm
Sunday Morning	9.30am & 11.30am

##### Weekday Masses

Monday to Saturday	9.30am
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#### Confessions

After Saturday evening Mass or on request

#### Eucharistic Adoration

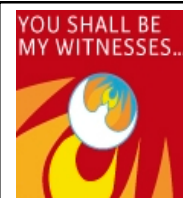
Wednesdays after 9.30am Mass until 9pm  
1st Saturday from 7.30pm to 9.30am Sunday

#### LEARNING ABOUT THE MASS

##### THE GOSPEL

After the Second Reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise.

The Alleluia is followed by a verse of scripture from the Bible. This verse reminds us of the theme of the Mass and readings. During the season of Lent we do not use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what he said to his friends and those who came to listen to him. So the reading of the Gospel is different to other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.



Preparation for Candidates for Confirmation continues in the Church on Tuesday, 26th January at 6.30 & 7.30pm

## PIGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

28th August 2016 to 2nd September (5 nights) full board, Hotel Agena. €699 per person inclusive - sharing. Flying from Knock. Extra €10 payable for bus. Spiritual Director Fr. James Gillespie. Contact K. McKeague 9121551.

## DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE

Which is on in the RDS, Dublin on 20th & 21st February will be streamed live to Plaza, Buncrana. Open 9am to 9pm on Saturday & 9.30am to 5pm on Sunday. Admission €5 per day. Refreshments on site and carpark is available to the rear of Plaza.

## WE CARE FOOD BANK

Behind Greene's Shoes, Market Centre, Main Street, Letterkenny. Opening hours 11am to 2pm Fridays only. Drop off points for food collection - Community Centre, Macs Mace - High Road & Centra - Circular Rd.

## SERVICE FOR 'WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY'

Sunday, 24th January in Conwal Parish Church at 7.30pm. Fr. Niall Coll, Senior Lecturer in Theology at St. Mary's University, Belfast will share his thoughts on this year's theme "Called to proclaim the mighty acts of God".

## LETTERKENNY ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meal is in The Yellow Pepper Restaurant on Wednesday 27th January at 4.45pm. All members very welcome.

## ST BRIDGET EVE CROSSMAKING

Sunday 31st January 7pm - 9pm. Cheshire Apartments Long Lane Letterkenny.

## SEOLADH DLÚTHDHIOSCA/ CD LAUNCH

Coláiste Ailigh are launching a CD of traditional music in An Grianán Theatre 28 Eanáir/ 28th January 2016 8pm. Ticéid/ Tickets €10. Fáilte róimh.

## INVITATION TO POETRY BOOK LAUNCH

'Reading the Moment' by Teresa Gallagher. All are welcome on Friday 5th Feb. at 7pm in Loreto Convent. Proceeds go to icap - a culturally sensitive Counselling and Psychotherapy Service throughout England for people of Irish origin.

## MASS IN HONOUR OF BLESSED ALEXANDRINA

Will be held in Termonbacca on Sunday the 31st January at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

## LETTERKENNY ART GROUP

Will recommence on Thursday, 28th January in the Pastoral Centre, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All welcome. Contact Deirdre 9122537 or Joe 0863964107.



## WOODLAND NATIONAL SCHOOL

Applications for enrolment to Junior Infants, Sep. 2016, will be accepted from Monday, 1st February to Friday, 5th February 2016. Parents should call to the school between 9.20am-3.00pm to fill in an Application for Enrolment Form. PPS Numbers and birth certificates are required. Please bring baptismal certificate, where applicable. Applications will also be accepted for the Classes for Children with Speech & Language Disorders and Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

## ILLISTRIN NATIONAL SCHOOL (NAOMH FIACHRA)

Applications for the enrolment of new pupils in Illistrin National School for the 2016/2017 school year will take place in the school on Wednesday 3rd February 2016 from 9.30 a.m. to 3.00p.m. PPS number, birth and baptismal certificates (where applicable) are required. Please visit [www.illistrin.com](http://www.illistrin.com) or phone 074 9125775 for full details and an enrolment application form.

## SCOIL MUIRE GAN SMÁL

Enrolment for Scoil Mhuire gan Smál, Letterkenny, will take place in the school from Wednesday 3rd - Friday 5th February, 2016 9.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and PPS Number are required. Information on school website [smgsletterkenny.ie](http://smgsletterkenny.ie). Phone 074 9121171.

## GAELSCOIL ADHAMHNÁIN

Iarratas Clarú (Enrolment Application). don Scoilbhliain 2016/2017 (for school year 2016/2017). Dé Céadaoin 3ú Feabhra 2016 (Wednesday 3rd February 2016) 10.00a.m. - 3.00p.m. Please bring P.P.S. number, Birth and Baptismal Certificates.

## Parish Contact Details

### Fr. Brian Quinn

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### Parish Office This Week

Hours: Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm & 2pm - 5pm  
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## Baptisms

1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12.30pm  
2nd & 4th Saturday of the month at 4pm

Parents who wish to have their child baptised must give at least 2 weeks notice and will be visited by members of the Baptism Preparation Team to assist you in your preparation for the Sacrament.

### Irish Martyrs

074-9122366 / 087-1190040

### Cathedral

074-9129503

